crops, which do not only use less water, but also helps in maintaining the soil health, which is deteriorating by continuous growing of sugarcane and paddy crops. However, keeping in view the fact that sugarcane is a commercial crop and any diversion may affect the sugar mills and the farming community, it would be advisable to substitute paddy crop with pulse crops wherever it is feasible.

Discouraging Tobbaco Cultivation

4666. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of health hazards, Government propose to discourage tobacco cultivation and suggest growing alternate crops to reduce tobacco cultivation and help the farmers; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Government does not have any scheme for promoting cultivation of tobacco crop in the country, and the farmers are being advised by Indian Council of Agricultural Research system the alternative crops which can be grown.

Harassment of Allottees of Mother Dairy's (F&V) Plant, Mangolpuri

4667. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mother Dairy's (F&V) booths in the national capital are receiving less and poor quality vegetables and fruits from its plant located at Mangolpuri, New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the allottees of booths are tortured and harassed when verbal or written complaints/protests are made to the plant about supply of less quantity and poor quality of vegetables and fruits and;

(c) if so, the factual position in this regard?